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SUBJECT: TURKISH APPEAL FOR THIRD PARTY SUPPORT IN GETTING INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY MORNING APRIL 20, MFA CYPRUS-
GREEK DIRGEN TULUMEN EMPHASIZED WHAT HE SAW AS THE POSITIVE
ASPECT OF UNSYG WALDHEIM'S DISCUSSIONS IN CYPRUS. HE SAID
THAT THE TURKISH SIDE'S IMPRESSION FROM WALDHEIM'S REPORT
OF HIS DISCUSSION WITH KYPRIANOU WAS THAT WHILE THE GREEK
CYPRIOTS CONSIDERED THE TURKISH PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE, THEY
HAD NOT THEMSELVES RULED OUT TALKS AND WERE INSTEAD LEAVING
TO WALDHEIM THE DECISION OF RESUMING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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TULUMEN SAID THAT THE GOT CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT
WALDHEIM CONVENE THE TALKS, AND HE REQUESTED USG SUPPORT IN
PERSUADING WALDHEIM TO DO SO.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN A MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERING OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN EMBASSIES (ALL NATO COUNTRIES
EXCEPT GREECE, NORWAY AND PORTUGAL, PLUS SWEDEN), TULUMEN

ASKED ALL PRESENT TO RELATE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE GOT'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WITH WALDHEIM. HE SAID THE GOT WAS INSTRUCTING A NUMBER OF ITS EMBASSIES TO FOLLOW-UP THIS REQUEST.

3. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION WHAT TURKEY WOULD DO IT IT FAILED IN ITS EFFORTS TO GET TALKS STARTED, TULUMEN STRESSED THAT FAILURE WAS UNTHINKABLE, AND THAT TURKEY WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT FOR SUCCESS. ANSWERING ANOTHER QUESTION, HE SAID THAT THE GOT COULD NOT "IMPROVE" ITS CYPRUS PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME LESS IT ENTER AN ENDLESS PROCESS THAT MIGHT NEVER LEAD TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. ASKED WHAT VALUE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WOULD HAVE IF HELD ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS THAT ONE SIDE CONSIDER UNACCEPTABLE, TULUMEN RESPONDED THAT ONCE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STARTED GREEK CYPRIOT ATTITUDES MIGHT CHANGE.
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